

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 2023 I

John F. Hoffman Baker & Daniels 111 East Wayne Street Suite 800 Fort Wayne, IN 46802

In re Application of KROTIL et al.

Serial No.: 09/869,789

PCT No.: PCT/DE00/00003

Int. Filing Date: 04 January 2000 Priority Date: 05 January 1999

Attorney's Docket No.:TIL0004

For: MÉTHOD AND DEVICE FOR SIMULTANEOUSLY DETERMINING THE ADHESION, FRICTION, AND

OTHER MATERIAL PROPERTIES OF A SAMPLE SURFACE :

DECISION ON PETITION

UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

The petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed 23 July 2002 in the above-captioned application is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

Applicant's statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional" meets the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3).

A review of the application file reveals that the basic national fee of \$860 has been paid. The required petition fee of \$1280 has also been paid. The application went abandoned for failure to timely respond to the 05 February 2002 Notification of Defective Response. With their petition to revive, applicants responded to the Notification of Defective Response with the filing of an English translation of the International application. Thus, the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) have been satisfied. Therefore, the request to revive the application abandoned under 35 U.S.C. 371(d) is granted as to the National stage in the United States of America.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing. The 35 U.S.C. 371 date is 23 July 2002.

Cynthia M. Kratz Attorney Advisor PCT Legal Office

Telephone: (703) 306-5467